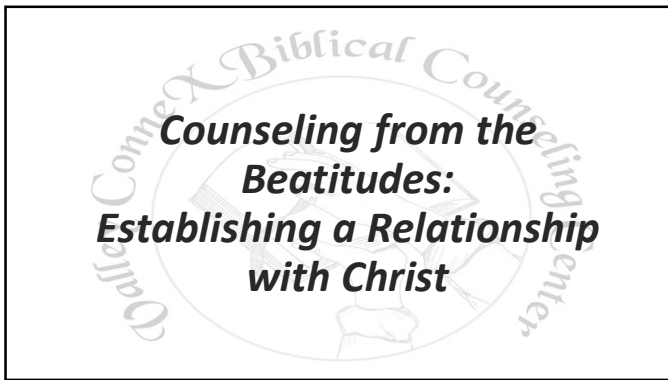
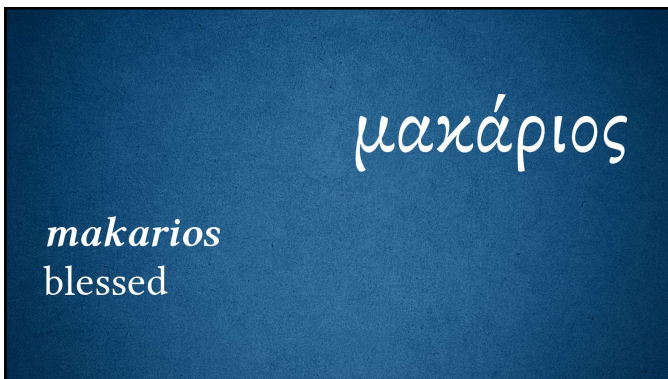


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Blessed

- A life that rises above the cares of the world
- Freedom to live unencumbered by the forces of the world that would coerce and control
- The beatitudes reflect the radically renewed mind available for a follower of Jesus Christ.

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Blessed

- The main teaching of the beatitudes: That which is seen as limiting and restrictive in the world is overcome in the life of a follower of Jesus.

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The key step to being blessed is salvation.

- *“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” (Matthew 5:3, ESV)*
- *“For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked.” (Revelation 3:16–17, ESV)*
- *“But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” (James 4:6, ESV)*

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- Making a salvation assessment:
 - *Does this person have a story of salvation that reflects a time or point of awareness of poverty of spirit?*

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- *“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.” (Matthew 5:4, ESV)*

Making a salvation assessment: Does this person’s salvation story reflect sorrow over their sinful condition? How does this person respond to sin that God exposes to them through His Word?

- *“For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death.” (2 Corinthians 7:10, ESV)*

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- *“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.” (Matthew 5:5, ESV)*

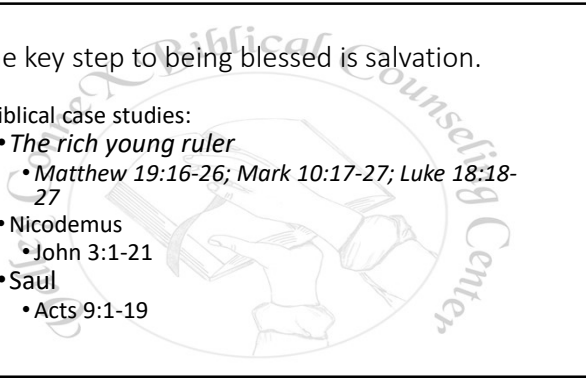
Making a salvation assessment: Does this person’s salvation story reflect a commitment to the lordship of Jesus Christ? Does this person’s life reveal a pattern of life lived in submission to the lordship of Jesus Christ?

- *“Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you,” (1 Peter 5:6, ESV)*

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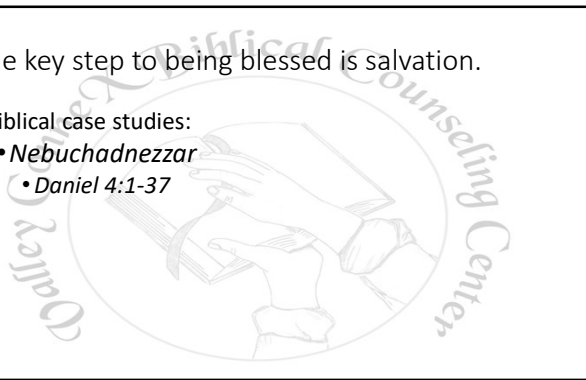
- Biblical case studies:
 - *The rich young ruler*
 - *Matthew 19:16-26; Mark 10:17-27; Luke 18:18-27*
 - Nicodemus
 - *John 3:1-21*
 - Saul
 - *Acts 9:1-19*



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- Biblical case studies:
 - *Nebuchadnezzar*
 - *Daniel 4:1-37*



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